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Rev. William Jacob Andes New Conference Minister

On Saturday, April 23, 1966, the Southeast Conference in annual session at the First United Church, Nashville, Tennessee, unanimously elected the Rev. William Jacob Andes, D. D., of Elon College, North Carolina, as Conference Minister and Superintendent of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Mr. Andes has served the Elon College Community Church (United Church of Christ), Elon College, N. C., since 1954. He will assume his new duties in the Southeast Conference in July.

William Jacob Andes was born in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Andes. He attended public schools in Harrisonburg, and at Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia. He received his A. B. degree from Elon College and his B. D. degree from Duke Divinity School. He received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Elon College.

Dr. Andes is married to the former Carey Elizabeth Atkins of High Point, North Carolina. They have one son, David Alfred Andes, a graduate of Elon College and now a student at Andover-Newton Theological School, in his first year.

Mrs. Andes is a graduate of the public schools of High Point, N. C., her home, and of Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C. She has had several additional courses at Duke Divinity School and at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. For a number of years she has worked as secretary in the offices of the old Southern Convention, now the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, in Elon College, N. C.

Dr. Andes was ordained in 1935 to the gospel ministry in the Christian Church. Since graduation from seminary he has served in Reidsville, Winston-Salem, Pfafftown and Elon College, all in North Carolina.

During these years, from 1938 to 1966, he has served as secretary and



president of the Virginia Valley Central Conference and of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, and on many committees of these bodies.

For many years he served on the Mission Board, the Board of Publications, and the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Convention, having been chairman of the Board of Christian Education. He also served on the Board of Directors for Moonelon Conference Center, near Elon College.

During most of Dr. Andes' ministry he has served on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention and, since the formation of the Southern Conference, he has been a member of the Board of Directors and the Coordinator of the Church and Ministry Committee of the Southern Conference.

Dr. Andes has served on the Community Council of Burlington, N. C., having served a term as president and in other active capacities, and as president of the Alamanace County Federated Ministerial Association.

Like our former well-loved superintendent, the Rev. Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Dr. Andes is a native

Southerner and his ministry has been in the South. His years of service as pastor of the Elon College Community Church has involved ministering to a heterogeneous group of faculty, students, community folk, children of the Home for Children, and people employed in industry. He is amazingly well equipped to lead the Southeast Conference in its steady climb upward on "The Stairway of Progress."

Dr. Andes is one of a ministerial family in that not only was his father a minister, but his brother, the Rev. Mark Andes, serves the Edgewood United Church of Christ in Burlington, N. C., (our former superintendent and family are now members of this church), and his sister is married to a minister, the Rev. Robert J. Harding, who serves the Central Church in Newtonville, Massachusetts. Another brother, Raymond Andes, is a professor of Romance Languages at Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia.

The Southeast Conference has been fortunate, during this interim period when it has had no executive head, in that outstanding leadership, both lay and ministerial, within the conference, has worked unceasingly, tirelessly, devotedly, to keep the conference well organized, smoothly running, serving as best it could the people and churches of the Southeast area. No paid staff person could have given more dedicated service to the Conference than did our past moderator, Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht. Heart and soul with him, of course, were the Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater, the Rev. and Mrs. Edward M. Brown, and the present fine moderator, the Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, and others too numerous to mention. Truly, no conference could ever have had finer leadership than these have given to the Southeast during this period when it might otherwise have faltered in its progress.

The Southeast Conference has chosen wisely and well in electing Dr. William Jacob Andes to lead it. We hail his unanimous election with joy and eagerly anticipate his arrival on the field.

Rock Stand Church Makes Good Progress

The Rock Stand Church, Roanoke, Alabama, made considerable progress in 1965 and the early part of 1966. Interest in the church has increased; attendance has increased; we now have 93 enrolled in our Sunday School.

We have purchased and installed a central heating system which gives us forced air heat instead of our having to use space heaters as we did in the past. This heating system has proven to be very satisfactory.

The church voted to purchase new pews. We elected a committee to contact the manufacturing company and get prices. This committee called a meeting of the church members on March 7, 1966. A representative of the manufacturing company was present with samples and prices of pews. Before the meeting was over the church had voted to purchase new pews and two new pulpit chairs. The salesman promised to try to make delivery before our Homecoming service which will be on May 22nd.

Rev. Andrew Nelson of Clanton, Alabama, will be our Homecoming speaker.

The Rev. G. Graham Norris of Mountain Creek, Alabama, will be the evangelist for our revival, which begins June 26th.

Rock Stand Church has a budget system which has worked well for it. At the beginning of each year the officers of the church meet and set up a budget for the year, to be recommended to the church for approval. Then we have a goal toward which to work.

We are looking forward to building an extension to the church in the near future. This building will be used for educational purposes.

Rev. A. C. Nelson, Pastor

DON'T FORGET

Salad Oil — Pocketbook Strap —
Pick up Shirts — Grease the Car—
Shoe Laces

IS THIS THE STORY OF YOUR
LIFE?

Make room for spiritual renewal.

Through faith and prayer develop an inner strength that will lend dignity to the routine of the day and deepen understanding of the meaning of life.

Service to God and service to others, rooted in the Christian faith, can make life full, rich, and rewarding.

Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins

The Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, formerly Secretary of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, and well known throughout the area of the Southeast Conference, passed on to the larger life on April 20, 1966, in Garden City, New York. Memorial services were held on April 23 in New York.

For the past 3 years Dr. Hoskins had served as pastor of the Garden City Community Church (United Church of Christ).

People in the Southeast will long remember Dr. Hoskins for his friendly, informal, gracious personality. We especially remember his inspiring address at the annual sessions in 1961, in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Congregational Christian Churches and the United Church of Christ have lost a great and beloved friend in the untimely passing of the Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins.

"THE CHURCH"

THE MEANING OF THE CHURCH:

- . . . Church means belonging. It is being partners in God's work.
- . . . Church means worship. It is a place of beauty of mind and soul. It is a quiet opportunity to think about God. It is inspiring words. It is prayer.
- . . . Church means helping. It is ministering to those in need. It is sharing of talents. It is helping to prepare programs and meetings. It is washing dishes.
- . . . Church means teaching. It is helping children, young people, and adults to discover their faith and live by it.
- . . . Church means sharing. It means sharing my time, my goods, myself. Church is being a light to the world. It is being the salt of the earth. It is being a temple of God's Holy Spirit.
- . . . Church means the people of God. You are the church. So are all the people who follow Christ.

From "Pilgrim News"
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Price Unable To Attend

Dr. Hollis F. Price, moderator of the General Synod of the United Church of Christ, and president of LeMoyne College, Memphis, Tenn., was unable to be present at the annual sessions of the Southeast Conference in Nashville, Tenn., on April 23-24, 1966.

Dr. Price was forced to cancel his speaking engagement at the annual sessions. He attended the Memorial Service for the Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins in New York, on Saturday, April 23.

Beatitudes For The Family

"Happy is the home

That is well furnished with thoughtful minds

And with a spirit of wisdom!

With humor to blunt the edge of difficulty,

And with laughter to brighten the hours.

The life of such a family is like a journey

Through a land of meadows, lakes and forests,

Where broad and pleasant rivers flow,

And mountain tops of inspiration are in sight."

Leland Foster Wood
(The Church School Worker)

Southeast Conference Has Fine Annual Meeting

The feeling of change and newness, the sense of progress to meet the changing situation: these were the outstanding impressions of the annual meeting of the Southeast Conference held on April 23-24, 1966, at the First United Church of Christ, Nashville, Tenn.

The church where we met is new and modern, and its background from the Evangelical and Reformed Church made it part of the new make-up of the Conference. The hospitality extended by the pastor and people of the church was of the finest quality. And it was good to know that the three other churches in the Nashville area which made up part of our Conference were working with our host church to make us welcome. These were the Brookmeade Church, the Fisk Union Church, and the Howard Church.

The Conference itself was new as this was really the first meeting as a Conference since the vote at Atlanta a year ago authorized the reorganization of the Southeast Convention into a Conference of the United Church of Christ. The attendance of 184 delegates and 6 visitors was very encouraging, especially since Nashville is located geographically at the far end of our Conference borders and meant a very long trip for some of our dele-



MISS DORA C. BRACKIN
Recording Secretary

gates.

It was new and different, also, to be meeting while we do not have a regular Minister and Superintendent on duty for the conference. Many had been fearful that the business could not be carried through without an active Conference executive on hand. But the faithful and very capable leadership of Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht as our moderator overcame all difficulties in this direction, and the program proceeded smoothly and well.

The high point of the Conference meeting was undoubtedly the report of the Personnel Committee and the recommendation of the Board of Directors, and the election of the Rev. Dr. William J. Andes of Elon College, N. C., to be our new Conference Minister and Superintendent. Dr. Andes was present for the occasion and spoke of his hopes for the Conference's future, pledging his best efforts to give us the leadership we need.

Another matter of central importance was the action upon the new Constitution for the Conference. This was unanimously adopted, as was another motion to change the Charter to conform to the new name "The Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ."

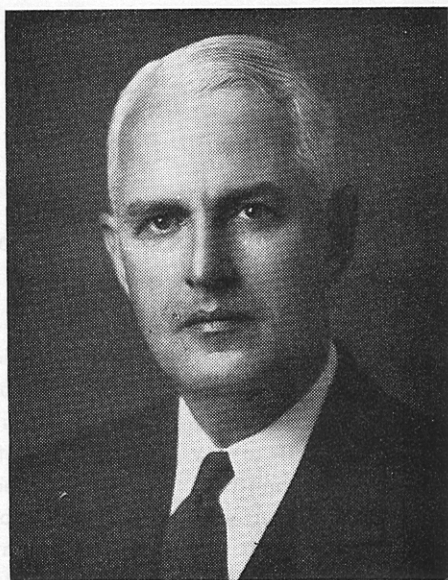
The visiting speakers from the Na-

tional Boards and Instrumentalities provided much inspiration and food for thought for all who were present. Dr. Harold N. Skidmore of the Pension Boards gave an informative and provocative message spiced with the natural humor which those who have known him in the past have always enjoyed. Rev. Karlton C. Johnson of the Stewardship Council brought us much information and insight on the new approach to Stewardship which is being planned for our churches this fall.

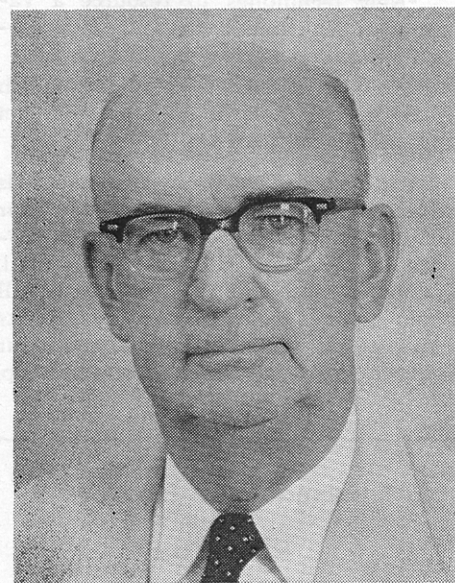
Dr. Donald C. Dearborn, representing the Executive Council of our denomination, gave a truly inspiring message on Saturday morning when Dr. Hollis F. Price could not be present.

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, who had helped our Conference program greatly by his service as Ad Interim Superintendent, gave a fine report, and also a message about subscriptions to The Southeast News and the United Church Herald. This resulted in approximately 100 new subscriptions for these periodicals being received.

The election of new officers and commission chairmen sometimes seems an old matter; yet it is always new, for new people are needed to carry forward the work of the Conference. These new officers and chairmen were commissioned to their duties at an impressive service on Sunday morning, April 24th.



REV. FREDERICK A. MEYER
Moderator



MR. LESLIE BEALL
Treasurer

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New Christian Enlistment Program

Has your church had difficulty raising money? Have you tried everything and still not found success? Then you're not alone! And the new Christian Enlistment has been created with your church in mind.

This new Enlistment has been shaped in response to criticism and suggestions from church leaders across the country.

The new Christian Enlistment presents:

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*New developments in adult education which take into account recent findings of college and industry.

*New techniques to resource a variety of Enlistment methods with special attention to the use of groups.

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The new Christian Enlistment is specifically planned for use in your church regardless of your size, geographic location, cultural background, or experience. The new Enlistment will help your congregation advance its giving and will help you and your church grow in Christian stewardship.

Extend Your Horizons

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Exciting News About The New United Church Herald

Effective with the September 1, 1966, issue THE HERALD will become a monthly publication. There will be an exciting new format which will include more color pages . . . and some four-color covers! The Herald will contain more pages with additional editorial material.

Be on the lookout for the dynamic Herald next September!

THE DRIVER'S PRAYER

Help me, O God, as I drive, to love my neighbor as myself, that I may do nothing to hurt or endanger any of Your children. Give my eyes clear vision and skill to my hands and feet. Make me tranquil in mind and relaxed in body. Deliver me from the spirit of rivalry and from all resentment at the actions of others, and bring me safely to my journey's end. Amen.

Lay Fellowships Hold Meeting In Nashville

Following the joint banquet and program on Saturday night, April 23rd, the Women's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. Edward M. Brown, at 9:30 p. m. The purposes and duties of the Commission on Lay Life and Work of the Southeast Conference, as outlined in the new Constitution and By-Laws, were read and discussed by the chair. The chair called upon Mrs. F. C. Lester to speak concerning the consultation the Lay Life and Work Committee of the Southeast Convention had held in Birmingham, Ala., on April 2, 1966. After pertinent comments, Mrs. Lester quoted from the Minutes of the Consultation the following:

"From the verbal expressions from each person present at the Consultation it appeared that the consensus was that it would not be necessary or advisable to have Conference organizations for the lay work of the Southeast Conference, since the Commission on Lay Life and Work of the Conference will be in a position adequately to fill the lay needs on the Conference level."

After questions for clarification and comments from the group members, it was moved and seconded that the Women's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention be reorganized as a part of the Commission on Lay Life and Work of the Southeast Conference, with the Commission assuming the Fellowship's functions and work. This motion carried.

This move affects only the methods of work on the Conference level. It is anticipated that the retreats and workshops on state or Association levels will function as in the past.

Mr. Herschel P. Franks, president of the Churchmen's Fellowship, then took the chair.

After some discussion, the motion was made and unanimously carried, that the Churchmen's Fellowship be reorganized into the Commission on Lay Life and Work of the Southeast Conference, there to carry on its work as an integral part of the Commission.

It was agreed by both former lay organizations that the monies formerly sent to the two different fellowship treasurers now be sent directly to the Conference office, earmarked for work

Announcing Summer Retreat!

The Women's Fellowships of Alabama-Northwest Florida and of Georgia will hold a Retreat at the Southern Union State Junior College, Wadley, Ala., June 17-18, 1966. The Retreat will begin at 9:30 a. m. on Friday, June 17, and end at 12:30 p. m. on Saturday, June 18.

The Retreat will include United Church of Christ women of the former Southeast Convention, the former Convention of the South, and the former Evangelical and Reformed Churches in the area of the Southeast Conference.

Theme for the Retreat will be: "The Christian's Mission in an Age of Lilemmas." New materials will be available.

Speakers at the Retreat will be Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. F. C. (Emily) Lester, and Mrs. Edward M. (Freda) Brown.

The cost will be \$7.00—board, room, bedding.

of the Commission on Lay Life and Work.

Thus, the final meeting of the Women's Fellowship and the Churchmen's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches ended in anticipation of a more glorious service through the Commission on Lay Life and Work of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Mr. George Warmbrod

Mr. George Warmbrod of Belvidere, Tennessee, passed on to the larger life on Friday, April 29, 1966. Funeral services were held in the First United Church, Belvidere, Sunday, May 1st, the Rev. Melvin R. Fenner officiating. Interment was in Belvidere.

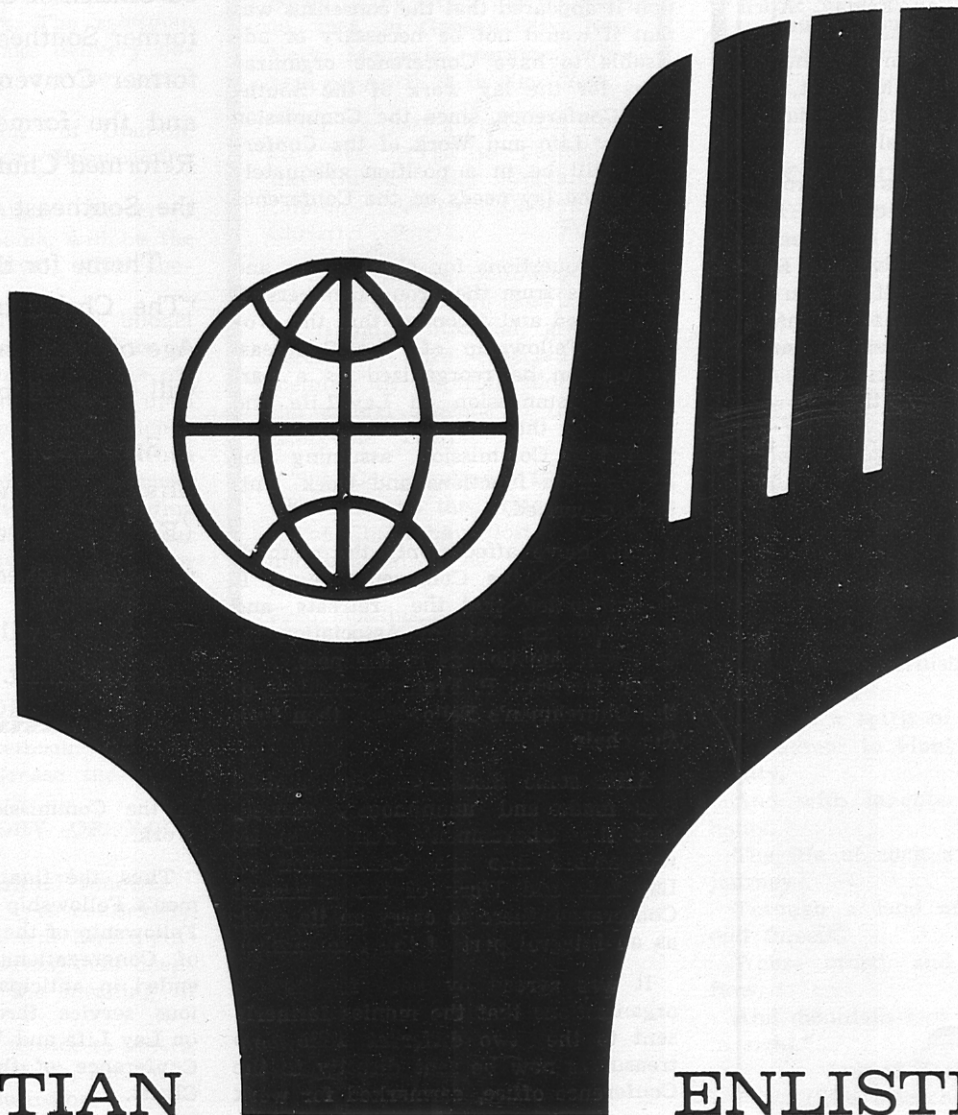
Mr. Warmbrod was the brother of Mrs. Herman Liechty of Belvidere and an uncle of Raymond Liechty, also of Belvidere. Raymond Liechty is well known in the area of the Southeast Conference through his activity in summer work several years ago in the old Southeast Convention.

The people and churches of the Southeast Conference extend sincere sympathy to the Liechty family in this time of sorrow.

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